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Application of: Joseph B. Schlenoff Art Unit: 1713
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FILMS AND ASSOCIATED METHODS

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP 609, applicant submits the attached PTO/SB/08A for consideration by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and to be made of record therein.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and MPEP 2001.06(b), applicant brings the Examiner's attention to co-pending application, Serial No. 11/130,972 (U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0287111). In the instant and co-pending applications, applicant discloses and claims various polyelectrolyte films comprising fluorinated repeat units and/or zwitterionic repeat units and articles and methods of using such polyelectrolyte films.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) in that applicant believes that it is being filed prior to the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits. Accordingly neither a statement nor fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or (d) is required. However, if an Office action was issued prior to the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees regarding this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Applicant submits herewith copies of the literature
references.

Respectfully submitted,

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